



Patent
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

In re Patent Application of

Hiroshi Mochizuki

Application No.: 10/764,507

Filing Date: January 27, 2004

Title: CUFF APPARATUS AND SPHYGMOMANOMETER COMPRISING THE SAME

Group Art Unit: 3736

Examiner: NAVIN NATNITHITHADHA

Confirmation No.: 9258

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
 Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the \$65.00 (2814) \$130.00 (1814) fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.
 Also enclosed is/are _____

Small entity status is hereby claimed.
 Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the \$395.00 (2801) \$790.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
 Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.
 Applicant(s) previously submitted _____

on _____, for which continued examination is requested.

Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least _____, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
 A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

No additional claim fee is required.
 An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below.

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims		MINUS =	0	x \$50.00 (1202) =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims		MINUS =	0	x \$200.00 (1201) =	\$ 0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$360.00 (1203)					
Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$ 0.00

A check in the amount of _____ is enclosed for the fee due.
 Charge _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.
 Charge _____ to credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

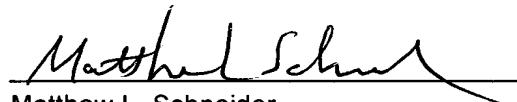
Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action issued on April 19, 2006 in connection with the above-identified application, the following remarks are submitted.

The aforementioned Official Action states that the claims in this application are directed to two distinct inventions. As identified in the Official Action, the two inventions are as follows.

Group I invention recited in Claims 1 -10 drawn to a cuff including a chassis in the form of a hollow cylinder and cushions.

Group II invention recited in Claims 11-17 directed to a cuff including a plurality of fasteners.

Based on the observation that the two inventions are distinct from one another, a restriction requirement has been imposed requiring an election of one of the two inventions.

In response to that restriction requirement, applicant hereby elects, with traverse, the Group I invention recited in Claims 1-10.

The election of the Group I claims is made with traverse because it is believed that all of the claims of this application can be examined at the same time without serious burden. It is recognized that the two claim groups may be classified in different subclasses. However, it is believed that the search required for the non-elected claim group in this different subclass would not be seriously burdensome. In addition, examining the claims directed to the non-elected claim group in addition to those directed to the elected claim group would only involve consideration of a few additional claims.

In light of the foregoing, withdrawal of the restriction requirement, and examination of all of the claims of this application, including Claims 1-10 directed to the elected claim group, are respectfully requested.

Early and favorable action with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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